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BLS Data: Wisconsin Employment Numbers Released

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today announced 3,053,700 total nonfarm jobs in the state, according to April 2025 preliminary estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Preliminary employment estimates for April 2025 showed Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly to 3.3% over last month, which is 0.9 percentage points below the national unemployment rate of 4.2%. The state's labor force participation rate ticked down to 65.5% in April while the national rate increased slightly to 62.6%, marking Wisconsin's participation rate 2.9 percentage points above the rest of the nation.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 3.3% in April, 0.9 percentage points below the national rate of 4.2%. Wisconsin's labor force decreased by 4,900 over the month but is up 900 over the year. The number of people employed decreased 5,400 over the month to 3,066,500 employed, down 9,900 over the year.
- **Place of Work Data:** Total nonfarm jobs decreased 1,500 over the month and increased 15,100 over the year to 3,053,700 jobs.

Additional information about the data included in the release is available at [Wisconomy.com](https://www.wisconsin.gov/economy/wisconomy).

ABOUT DWD

[Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development](#) efficiently delivers effective and inclusive services to meet Wisconsin's diverse workforce needs now and for the future. The department advocates for and invests in the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin workers, employers, and job seekers through six divisions – Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Unemployment Insurance, Equal Rights, Worker's Compensation, and Administrative Services. To keep up with DWD announcements and information, [sign up for news releases](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#).

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	Apr-25	Mar-25	Apr-24	1-Month	1-Year

Labor Force	3,169,900	3,174,800	3,169,000	-4,900	900
Employment	3,066,500	3,071,900	3,076,400	-5,400	-9,900
Unemployment	103,400	102,900	92,600	500	10,800
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	2.9%	0.1%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	3.9%	0.0%	0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.5%	65.6%	65.9%	-0.1%	-0.4%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.6%	62.5%	62.7%	0.1%	-0.1%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	3,053,700	3,055,200	3,038,600	-1,500	15,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,637,600	2,639,500	2,622,000	-1,900	15,600
GOODS PRODUCING	611,600	609,400	612,900	2,200	-1,300
MINING & LOGGING	4,100	4,000	4,100	100	0
CONSTRUCTION	141,800	142,100	139,900	-300	1,900
MANUFACTURING	465,700	463,300	468,900	2,400	-3,200
Durable Goods	268,600	267,000	274,000	1,600	-5,400
Nondurable Goods	197,100	196,300	194,900	800	2,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,442,100	2,445,800	2,425,700	-3,700	16,400
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	2,026,000	2,030,100	2,009,100	-4,100	16,900
TRADE	431,400	431,000	430,500	400	900
Wholesale Trade	134,200	132,700	131,900	1,500	2,300
Retail Trade	297,200	298,300	298,600	-1,100	-1,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	124,700	125,100	123,600	-400	1,100
INFORMATION	47,800	48,300	47,500	-500	300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,500	158,700	159,600	-200	-1,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29,300	29,400	28,800	-100	500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	334,900	336,900	329,900	-2,000	5,000
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	131,400	133,600	129,200	-2,200	2,200
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139,000	138,600	135,800	400	3,200
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	491,400	492,100	483,500	-700	7,900
Private Educational Services	61,700	62,100	61,500	-400	200
Health Care & Social Assistance	429,700	430,000	422,000	-300	7,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	288,100	288,700	288,100	-600	0
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	40,800	40,300	47,000	500	-6,200
Accommodation & Food Services	247,300	248,400	241,100	-1,100	6,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	149,200	149,300	146,400	-100	2,800
GOVERNMENT	416,100	415,700	416,600	400	-500
Federal Government	30,900	31,000	31,500	-100	-600
State Government	98,500	98,900	98,900	-400	-400
Local Government	286,700	285,800	286,200	900	500

Note: Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support.

Numbers in blue are statistically significant changes.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	Apr-25	Mar-25	Apr-24	1-Month	1-Year

Labor Force	3,145,500	3,156,200	3,158,900	-10,700	-13,400
Employment	3,043,100	3,040,300	3,066,800	2,800	-23,700
Unemployment	102,300	115,900	92,100	-13,600	10,200
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.7%	2.9%	-0.4%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.2%	3.5%	-0.3%	0.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.0%	65.2%	65.7%	-0.2%	-0.7%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.5%	62.5%	62.5%	0.0%	0.0%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	3,044,200	3,020,800	3,030,300	23,400	13,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,614,000	2,595,800	2,598,600	18,200	15,400
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	605,300	596,800	605,900	8,500	-600
MINING & LOGGING	4,000	3,900	4,100	100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	137,400	132,100	136,900	5,300	500
MANUFACTURING	463,900	460,800	464,900	3,100	-1,000
Durable Goods	267,700	265,500	272,800	2,200	-5,100
Nondurable Goods	196,200	195,300	192,100	900	4,100
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,438,900	2,424,000	2,424,400	14,900	14,500
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,008,700	1,999,000	1,992,700	9,700	16,000
TRADE	428,700	425,800	427,000	2,900	1,700
Wholesale Trade	133,500	131,500	131,800	2,000	1,700
Retail Trade	295,200	294,300	295,200	900	0
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	122,500	122,900	121,700	-400	800
Utilities	8,300	8,400	8,400	-100	-100
INFORMATION	47,800	48,300	47,000	-500	800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,600	158,200	158,500	400	100
Finance and Insurance	129,800	129,500	130,500	300	-700
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	28,800	28,700	28,000	100	800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	333,000	330,400	329,700	2,600	3,300
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	132,200	133,800	130,300	-1,600	1,900
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	64,300	64,200	64,700	100	-400
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	136,500	132,400	134,700	4,100	1,800
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	492,800	491,700	483,500	1,100	9,300
Private Educational Services	63,600	63,200	63,000	400	600
Health Care & Social Assistance	429,200	428,500	420,500	700	8,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	276,700	272,200	279,500	4,500	-2,800
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	36,800	32,900	43,200	3,900	-6,400
Accommodation & Food Services	239,900	239,300	236,300	600	3,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	148,600	149,500	145,800	-900	2,800
GOVERNMENT	430,200	425,000	431,700	5,200	-1,500
Federal Government	30,900	30,900	31,500	0	-600
State Government	105,100	104,200	105,000	900	100
Local Government	294,200	289,900	295,200	4,300	-1,000

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